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Ms. Carlyn:

Next Monday, our Engineer and Environmental Staff in the Pennsylvania Reserve Component will meet to discuss the results of their search efforts so far. On Tuesday, I will relay that information to your office via e-mail. The passage of time, the large metropolitan area involved (I understand Philadelphia is surrounded by 5 counties) and the part-time/reduced manning of most reserve units have added to the complexity of this task and will require a further extension of time before we provide our final response. In any event, by the end of the month, our Reserve staff anticipates completing the following tasks:

- identifying all reserve centers and units that existed in the 5 county area during the relevant time period;
- identifying their respective activities (i.e., administrative office space or vehicle maintenance shops);
- identifying POCs for each of those reserve centers and units; and
- ascertaining their records management practices (e.g., whether information is stored at the reserve site, at some active duty installation, in the federal records center or whether it has been destroyed).

I have also asked the staff to focus their efforts on the Bristol Reserve Center because it is reflected on the trip tickets you sent to my office.

Currently, I do not know how many records might exist or the number of people that might have knowledge about the sites or activities; therefore, I hesitate to predict how much additional time we will need to compile a thorough and accurate response. We can discuss that further next week once I learn more from our staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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